CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1. (Currently amended) A method for location-based image sharing, comprising:

defining a sharing rule that specifies one or more recipients with whom an image should be shared based on location-identifying information, the location-identifying information associated with a physical location of subjects and objects captured by the image subject; and

applying the location-identifying information to the sharing rule to determine the one or more recipients with whom the image should be shared.

2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

making the image automatically available to the determined one or more recipients.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein making the image available comprises either automatically sending a copy of the image to the determined one or more recipients by e-mail or automatically sending a link to the image on a Web site to the determined one or more recipients.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising converting the location-identifying information into location data using a location database.

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the location identifying information comprises latitude and longitude coordinates.

6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the image is at least one of a digital photo and a digital video.

7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the sharing rule specifies at least one of a proximity to the location-identifying information, a set of

location-identifying information and a bounding perimeter of location-identifying
information.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the sharing rule comprises a rule
that images are only to be shared with the one or more recipients that are on a buddy list.

9. (Currently amended) A system for location-based image sharing, comprising:

a sharing rule defining one or more recipients with whom an image should be
shared based on location-identifying information, the location-identifying information
associated with a physical location of subjects and objects captured by the image subject;
and

a sharing engine to apply the location-identifying information to the sharing rule
to determine the one or more recipients with whom the image should be shared.

10. (Previously presented) The system of claim 9, further comprising:

a sending unit to make the image automatically available to the determined one or
more recipients.

11. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the sending unit is adapted to
either automatically send a copy of the image to the determined one or more recipients by
e-mail or automatically send a link to the image on a Web site to the determined one or
more recipients.

12. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the sharing engine is further
adapted to convert the location-identifying information into location data using a location
database.

13. (Previously amended) The system of claim 9 wherein the location-identifying
information comprises latitude and longitude coordinates.

14. (Previously amended) The system of claim 9 wherein the image is at least one of a digital photo and a digital video.

15. (Previously amended) The system of claim 9 wherein the sharing rule specifies at least one of a proximity to the location-identifying information, a set of location-identifying information and a bounding perimeter of location-identifying information.

16. (Original) The system of claim 9 wherein the sharing rule comprises a rule that images are only to be shared with the one or more recipients that are on a buddy list.

17. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium having computer program code stored therein, the code when executed on a processor to cause the processor to perform a method for location-based image sharing, the method comprising:

defining a sharing rule that specifies one or more recipients with whom an image should be shared based on location-identifying information, the location-identifying information associated with a physical location of subjects and objects captured by the image subject; and

applying the location-identifying information to the sharing rule to determine the one or more recipients with whom the image should be shared.

18. (Previously amended) The medium of claim 17, wherein the method further comprises making the image automatically available to the determined one or more recipients.

19. (Previously amended) The medium of claim 18, wherein making the image available comprises either automatically sending a copy of the image to the determined one or more recipients by e-mail or automatically sending a link to the image on a Web site to the determined one or more recipients.

20. (Previously amended) The medium of claim 17, wherein the method further comprises converting the location-identifying information into location data using a location database.

21. (Previously amended) The medium of claim 17 wherein the location-identifying information comprises latitude and longitude coordinates.

22. (Previously amended) The medium of claim 17 wherein the image is at least one of a digital photo and a digital video.

23. (Previously amended) The medium of claim 17 wherein the sharing rule specifies at least one of a proximity to the location-identifying information, a set of location-identifying information and a bounding perimeter of location-identifying information.

24. (Previously amended) The medium of claim 17 wherein the sharing rule comprises a rule that images are only to be shared with the one or more recipients that are on a buddy list.

25. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium having computer program code stored therein, the code when executed on a processor to cause the processor to perform a method of sharing an image having location-identifying information, the method comprising:

determining a recipient of the image based upon the location-identifying information, the location-identifying information associated with a physical location of subjects and objects captured by the image subject; and

making the image available to the recipient.

26. (Previously amended) The medium of claim 25, wherein making the image available comprises either automatically sending a copy of the image to the determined

one or more recipients by e-mail or automatically sending a link to the image on a Web site to the determined one or more recipients.

27. (Previously amended) The medium of claim 25, wherein the method further comprises converting the location-identifying information into location data using a location database.

28. (Previously amended) The medium of claim 25 wherein the location-identifying information comprises latitude and longitude coordinates.

29. (Previously amended) The medium of claim 25 wherein the image is at least one of a digital photo and a digital video.

30. (Previously amended) The medium of claim 25 wherein the sharing rule specifies at least one of a proximity to the location-identifying information, a set of location-identifying information and a bounding perimeter of location-identifying information.

31 (Previously amended) A method of sharing an image having location-identifying information, comprising:
        determining a recipient of the image based upon the location-identifying information, the location-identifying information associated with a physical location of the image subject; and
        making the image available to the recipient.

32. (Previously added) The method of claim 31, wherein making the image available comprises at least one of automatically sending a copy of the image to the recipient by e-mail and automatically sending a link to the image on a Web site to the recipient.

33. (Previously added) The method of claim 31, further comprising converting the location-identifying information into location data using a location database.

34. (Previously added) The method of claim 31, wherein the location-identifying information comprises latitude and longitude coordinates.

35. (Previously added) The method of claim 31, wherein the image is at least one of a digital photo and a digital video.

36. (Previously added) The method of claim 31, wherein determining a recipient of the image is performed using at least one of a proximity to the location-identifying information, a set of location-identifying information and a bounding perimeter of location-identifying information.

37. (Previously added) The method of claim 31, wherein making the image available to the recipient comprises making the image available to the recipient only if the recipient is on a buddy list.